

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

As a below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

1. Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.
2. We verily believe ourselves to be the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention described and claimed in Letters Patent No. 5,715,009 and in the specification filed herewith for which we solicit a patent.
3. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the aforementioned specification, including the claims.
4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

5. We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of Application Number 06-130651 filed in Japan on June 13, 1994 and state that no other application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application was filed by me on the same subject matter prior to June 13, 1994.

6. We do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof.

7. We verily believe the original Letters Patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of our claiming more or less than we had the right to claim in the patent. The claims in the original patent fail to define the invention in sufficiently broad terms by at least failing to claim an encoding apparatus for encoding source video data which had previously been encoded at a previous encoding process and had previously been decoded at a previous decoding process. The original patent fails to claim a means for extracting coding information from said source video data. The extracting means is disclosed in the original patent but it is not claimed. As a result of this failure to claim the encoding apparatus and elements comprising the encoding apparatus, the original patent fails to accurately claim our invention and claims less than we had the right to claim.

8. We did not discover that the claims of the original patent claimed more or less than we had a right to claim until after the original patent was issued.

9. No claim was previously presented during prosecution of the above referenced patent that particularly claimed the display apparatus described in paragraph 7 above.

10. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

11. New claims 28-47 submitted with this application particularly point out the subject matter that we considered our invention and round out the scope of protection to which we are entitled. By the omission of such claims the original patent claims less than we had a right to claim.

We hereby appoint William S. Frommer, Registration No. 25,506, of Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP or his duly appointed associate, our attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuation and divisional applications thereof, to receive the Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection therewith, and specify that all communications about the application are to be directed to the following address:

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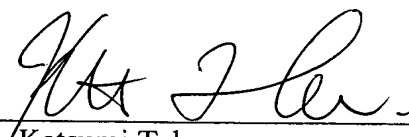
Direct all telephone calls to: (212) 588-0800 to the attention of William S. Frommer, Esq.

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Wherefore we pray that we may be allowed to surrender the Letters Patent No. 5,715,009 granted February 3, 1998, whereof Sony Corporation, on whose behalf and with whose assent this application is made, is the sole owner, by Assignment, and that Letters Patent may be reissued to Sony Corporation for the same invention upon the attached specification.

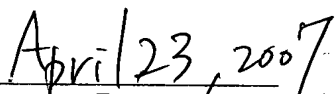
We, the undersigned applicants, further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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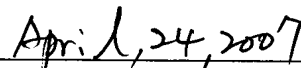


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